

Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday – July 25, 2016 – 4:00 pm
Marathon Gov't Center, 2nd floor Conference room, Marathon

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D'Antonio, Jeffrey Harwell, Beth Kaminstein, Nance Frank, Eric Anderson. Staff: Liz Young and Non-Voting members for MEN: Debra London and Valerie Barth

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Sue welcomed the meeting attendees and welcomed Debra and Valerie. She said she would hold her remarks to the end of the meeting so that those in attendance could discuss the artwork possibilities for the Nelson Gov't and Cultural Center.

Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2016

Motion: Nance moved to approve the May 16, 2016 minutes; seconded by Jeff. The motion was passed unanimously.

Current Projects – Status Update:

Nelson Gov't Center//Public Works- Liz: Magnolia Street renovation (MM 100), Artwork to be sited at the Murray E Nelson Gov't & Cultural Center. Public Art Budget of \$10,391.21 and Art Budget of \$8,800

Two non-voting members appointed by the County Administrator - Valerie Barth as a representative of the "Friends of Key Largo Cultural Center and Debra London, an office worker/county employee in MEN. Sue shared photos taken at the site on her ipad. She also spoke with the Public Works people in the building. Some possible issues with exterior art work that Valerie confirmed. Debra suggested that perhaps in the rear outside courtyard/walkway there would be space for public art. She agreed to take more photos the next day and will send to Liz. Other targeted interior spaces were discussed, as well as areas in the front of the building by the front entrance.

Motion: Nance made a motion to include the following 3 spaces for proposed art work within the RFP with additional input and photos from Debra and Valerie.

1. Interior wall near licensing office. 2. Front grass area near semicircle entrance. 3. Rear courtyard/walkway (if approved for ADA access). Motion was seconded by Beth. Motion passed.

Debra and Valerie leave the meeting. The Committee thanked them for their time and input and Liz will follow-up with RFP draft language for their suggestions, and will report back to the Committee.

Marathon Court House – Liz updated Committee on the bench installation and thanked Sue for her assistance. The County Public Works department head in Marathon is working to refurbish the landscaping – everyone felt that the benches were a great fit and are already encouraging a face lift for the Courtyard. Liz also mentioned the press release she worked on with Cammy Clark, the new public information officer for the County, and how important good press is for the AIPP County program.

Bi-Annual RFQ – Liz gave the update. The RFQ is out and has an August 31st deadline. It has been posted by the County, the Arts Council, FAPAP and AFTA PAN. Liz and Sue will conduct 3 workshops in the County. August 3 and 10th in Key West, August 8th in Marathon.

Bernstein Park- Liz: Budget has been confirmed by Contract Administrator and Project Management. After deductions as per the ordinance from the schedule of values, the AIPP budget is \$54,627.53. Art Budget: \$49,000. Liz has requested that 2 non-voting members be appointed by County Administrator. Committee asks Liz to invite Bill Horn, architect to the August AIPP meeting in Key West.

Marathon Library – Liz: Budget aprox. \$ 6 million. Liz reported that design phase still in process. And that Project mgmt had reported to her that there was a 60 day delay due to square footage issues between the parties.

Cudjoe Fire Station - Liz: updated Budget \$ 3.3 million. Liz had no new updates except that the Architect being hired was the County's next step.

Freeman Justice Center Complex: Liz: Budget: approx \$1.5 million. No update

Projects Slated for 2016/2017: No changes on the projects below.

Plantation Key Court House
Higgs Beach, Key West
Big Pine Key Swimming Hole

Other business:

Stock Island Fire Station - Budget remaining: \$5,108. Liz reported that these funds need to be used by September 30, 2016 Liz and Sue will meet with landscaper and coral base (keystone) at the site to determine best spot for the signage, then Liz will be sure that a permit is not needed. Liz will also work with artist David Harrison Wright for his vision of the finished signage. Will report back to committee in August.

Conch Key Fire Station – Budget: \$1,026.43 remaining. Liz spoke with Jolly Benson, all arrangements in place for installation which took place on July 22nd. Beth and Eric agreed to take a look on their up the keys. Liz will confirm that Jolly is paid, and that Chief Callahan is thanked.

Key West Airport – Conference room and small offices construction in process in the long hallway where etched glass panels are located. Liz with the help of Scott Wilcox re-hung the 2 Keith Bland paintings on loan in the space.

Public Input – *None*

Meeting date discussion - August in Key West moved to August 15. No meeting in September. October to remain in Marathon on October 17.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn: Nance 1st, Eric 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director